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The New York Times notes the fact that five of every six railroads have reported earnings for the fourth week in February, showing handsome increases over the respective incomes for the corresponding period of last year.

Mr. George J. Gould, irritated by the reports about his sister's marriage, denies that there was any marriage settlement of \$2,000,000 or of any other sum, and says that the question of money did not enter into the matter at all.

If the Cuban revolutionists hold out a little longer, it may be that they will achieve a fighting chance. It is evident that the reports from Spanish sources concerning the uprising are colored in a manner to belittle the difficulty; else detachments from a dozen garrisons in Spain and 2,000,000 cartridges would not be ordered to Cuba by the Madrid government, remarks the Savannah News.

Hon. John S. Tucker, ex-Mayor of Norfolk, in THE VIRGINIAN to day, gives a very graphic and vivid description of the great battle in Hampton Roads between the Virginia or Merrimac and the Federal fleet on March 8th, 1862, and the celebrated duel between the Merrimac and Monitor on the following day. Capt. Tucker was an eye-witness and his account will be read with exceeding interest.

## NO ONE-SIDED CONTRACT.

It will be very remarkable if the Councils of Norfolk go into the business of trading "sight unseen," and especially on so very important a matter as that of our water supply. The proposition to the city is a most singular one. Why should the city be asked to appropriate money without a guarantee for proper and faithful discharge of work? The company has failed in the boring work, although it entered upon the same, full of faith as to results. Wells are bored, THE VIRGINIAN is informed, through the rocks, in the oil region, at a cost of not exceeding \$2.50 to \$3.00 a foot, and if this is so, why should the city be asked to go into an expenditure so much beyond this rate? There should be no "heads I win, and tails you lose" in this matter.

## FARMER COLONIES.

Under this caption the Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser advances the opinion that there is no doubt that the most feasible way to settle our agricultural lands with desirable white families is by colonization, and it is right. There are thousands of intelligent families in the North and West, remarks our contemporary, who would come to the South did they know the great advantages offered to the farmer. The variety of agricultural products is much greater than in the North and West, and cotton, rice and sugar are money crops that can only be grown in the South. It thinks that an agent sent to Kansas or Nebraska with authority to offer tracts of 5,000 acres to colonies of 100 families, would have no trouble in disposing of large acres of land, if sold on small payments, long time and low interest.

The people that would be brought here by such a plan are not ordinary immigrants, but intelligent farmers and a large percentage of them Americans. They would be desirable additions to the South, socially, and, as the Advertiser says, as wealth-producers would keep pace with our industrial enterprise. This is a live question and one which Virginia, as well as her sister States of the South, will do well to consider. There is land here in plenty and such people would be accorded a cordial welcome.

## A GREAT EMPIRE IN THE EAST.

The London Spectator, in speaking of the possibilities resulting from the war in "the Orient," says that the rise of Japan to the first position among Asiatic powers is not only the most amazing incident of the half century, but it is the one which most directly affects the future of Great Britain. It is of the opinion, that if the war should end in one probable way, namely, a subordinate alliance of China with Japan, the world will see in Asia a Mongolian empire of 400,000,000 people guided by men who can create fleets as good as any in Europe, who can organize great armies under Prussian discipline and who can pursue fixed purposes of ambition with patient concealment.

ment of them for twenty years—an empire which can attack Russia and France and Great Britain by land, its roads into Turkestan, Tonquin, British Burma and Bengal being open, all known and all indefensible without frightful expense and exhausting additions to permanent garrisons.

"If again," says the Spectator, "the war ends in another way, by payment of a great indemnity and a cession of Corea and Formosa, we shall have a great naval power on the eastern edge of Asia, elated with victory, intent on adventure and conquest and willing, or perhaps even anxious, to test its strength in naval engagements with some single first class European power." And, lastly, it says: "If the war ends in a drawn game, we shall have a most capable, though disappointed Asiatic people, able to live on low wages, devoting itself to manufactures and shipbuilding in a way which may in a few years divert from Great Britain much of its carrying trade, now the largest source of profit, all of the textile industry of Britain and much of its trade in iron, machinery and coal."

If the Spectator's theory be true and its mode of reasoning so appears, well may the English people watch the events in the East with interest, as undoubtedly under certain contingencies the results may prove more destructive to their interest than a European war.

## PACKING COTTON FOR SHIPPING.

A New Orleans exchange is urging at some length the adoption of the Beronette plan of packing cotton for shipment, which, it says, promises to revolutionize the industry and be of vast benefit to the producer of "the fleecy staple." By the use of machinery in the ginhouse, under this plan, the cotton is wound as it is received from the condenser of the gin on a spindle in cylindrical form, with a pressure which secures a density one third greater than is possible by the most improved appliances now in use. At the mills, it says, the cotton is unwound from the cylinder as easily as it is put on. It is claimed that it will do away with bagging and ties, substituting a bale covering made from low grade cotton. It also says that the first shipment of cotton packed under the new process, from Texas to Boston, was at the rate of 112 bales to the car, while the old plan of packing only allowed 50 bales.

Our New Orleans contemporary states that the old process of packing is on the eve of being abandoned, and that the new plan places every station, town and plantation on an equality as to shipment. The Pittsburg Post notes the change and says that it is a matter of interest to the iron industry, for the reason that it does away with the use of ties. It also states that the New England cotton spinners regard the new plan of packing superior to the old, because it delivers the cotton in much better condition to the mills than has been the case all along. The Post, basing its opinion upon what it has seen, is clearly of the opinion that the new plan will save the South \$10,000,000 on a 10,000,000 crop.

## TAXPAYERS FOOT THE BILL.

A nobody on the artizan well project, respectfully dedicated to our City Fathers, took the liberty to say, that some may feel obliged.

The Pilot says, "Let's do it." THE VIRGINIAN says, "Let's don't." The Landmark says, "Consider," and the Courier says, "We won't." To the casual observer the case is very plain. That our city suffers seriously from "water on the brain." So, what the doctors differ, it will not excite surprise. If the Council makes a contract and the suffering patient is cured, the City will be the richer. The Mayor reads of neocene in one good daily paper. Its neighbor swears that cocaine is just the proper cure. In all one, another states, its faith is firmly based. They all forget the "greaseole" in which "our grease is cooked." For grease is, after all, the thing whose proper application will always make the "wheels go round" in civic legislation. And the fact is, a dramatic turn and twist it will be. That, whoever eats the dinner, the taxpayers foot the bill.

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**Ghosts.**  
When the brilliant hues of the sunset fade into amber and pale gold.  
When the wren and the robin sleep in the glade.  
And the shepherd shuts his fold,  
When the lamps are lit in the deep blue skies  
And toll of the day is done—  
Pale, haunting ghosts of the past arise  
From the shadows one by one.

The ghost of the words we did not say  
In the days forever fled  
Came out of the shadows dim and gray,  
And the ghost of the words we said,  
Of the cruel word, of the bitter word,  
Of the word of blame or scorn,  
That was keen as the point of a warrior's sword  
On a faithful battle morn.  
The ghosts of the woes of age and youth  
That we passed unheeding by;  
Of the griefs we did not ask to soothe,  
Of the tears we did not dry;  
Of the ills of which we took no heed,  
Of the grievous wrongs unfought—  
Come with that of many a churlish deed  
Or of good deed left unwrought.

They cluster round us, these phantom shades,  
These ghosts of the days of old,  
As the cheerful glow of the daylight fades  
In the twilight dim and cold.  
And in vain we moan, and in vain we weep,  
And in vain we try to hide;  
Closer and closer these shadows creep  
In the twilights to our side.  
—Chambers' Journal.

## When It Was Cold In Chicago.

Chief Swenie's assistant, Marshal Musham, said there was a good deal of suffering among the firemen recently, but he had heard of no such incidents this winter as occurred one winter when he was at No. 1. "We were out at a fire over on the North Side where the wind from the lake had uninterrupted sweep. We had a stream playing on the blaze all night, when all at once it seemed to stop. We discovered that the water froze in spite of the force, and there was an icicle as long as a telegraph pole and as big around as my wrist on the nozzle of the hose. The water in the hose froze to the engine. Mind you, I didn't see it. I wasn't there, but one of the men at No. 1 told me about it, and no one ever denied it. I have heard of nothing of the kind this winter."—Chicago Tribune.

## Refuses to Give Her Picture.

One of the female members of the Colorado legislature has refused to have her picture taken in order to complete the group which an insane custom has made an essential feature of every legislative body. This refusal would raise the hope that the custom is about to be broken, and thus afford another substantial reason in vindicating the wisdom of electing women to office, except for the fact that the house has instructed the sergeant at arms to get the counterfeited presentment whether or no. It is not stated how the officer will proceed to carry out the orders of the house, but it is to be hoped that the lady will not yield to so unreasonable a demand.—Kansas City Times.

## Prince Edward's Carriage.

Prince Edward of York, the royal baby who may in the long future be the head of the British empire, will shortly have his first English-made carriage. It consists of a perambulator of the highest class of workmanship, of the Princess Irene baroque pattern, is fitted up with nonvibrating leather hung steel springs and silent cycle wheels, with hollow rubber tires. The vehicle is upholstered in the finest dark green morocco leather, softly padded with horse-hair cushions, so constructed that the infant occupant can recline or ride with face or back to the nurse. The child's face is protected from rain by a cowhide hood, easily adjusted to any position, and in sunshine this can be removed and the baby shaded from heat by an awning of tussore silk, lined to match the carriage and trimmed with delicate and beautiful lace. Baby cars of a somewhat similar pattern have been built for the children of the Duchess of Fife and Princess Henry of Prussia.

## An Amusing Game.

At a children's party not long ago a simple but amusing game was played which may be new to some of you. Each player was blindfolded in turn. But before the handkerchief was tied over his eyes he was told to look around the room and notice the objects in it and how they were placed. After being blindfolded he turned around three times and then said aloud what he expected to touch by walking straight ahead. And how the children laughed when the boy, who thought that wasn't any game at all, laid his hand on the steam radiator when he said he was going to touch the china cabinet, which was on the other side of the room! He was given the booby prize, a funny little colored doll with a great many red flannel petticoats that made a penwiper.

## His Motive.

Mother (to her child)—Carl, why are you crying?  
Carl—Papa has just punished Fritz.  
Mother—It is very good of you to be sorry because your brother has done wrong. It shows you love him.  
Carl—I am not crying on his account. Papa would not let me look on.—Humoristische Blätter.



Vandalia, Illinois.

## Ivy Poisoning

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All of the 12½c Figured Satines; also new ones now 10c.

Big, fine FineHeavy Quilts, 2 1-3 yards long, 3½ pounds weight, now \$1.

Men's White Shirts, unlaundried, 50c. Why these are sold less than \$1 will puzzle buyers to tell, as they have every characteristic of the \$1.50 laundried ones.

Ladies' Tailor Made Skirts of Black and Navy Cheviot Serge, lined throughout, back with hair cloth velvet bound, \$2.50, 3.75, \$4, \$5, \$6.50; Skirts of Silk, \$10.

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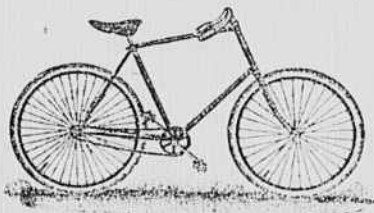
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